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**DRAFT MINUTES
December 12 – 14, 2001**

**(Key: MSC = Motion made, seconded, carried)
(MSF = Motion made, seconded, failed)**

The regular meeting of the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board was called to order at 8:35 AM, Wednesday, December 12, 2001 in the Boardroom, 1365 North Orchard, Room 172, Boise, Idaho. Board Vice Chairman Scott Farr and members Ray Lyon, Bill Bernt, and Will Judge were in attendance. Chairman Wayne Hunsucker was out of town on business. Also present were Executive Director Dean Sangrey, Education/Law Enforcement Supervisor Mike Best, and Board Counsel Steve Scanlin.

STAFF REPORTS: Mike Best, Education/Law Enforcement Supervisor – Mr. Best presented his report on the status of Bureau special agents and investigators and a recap on current cases and complaints, both on-going and closed. He reported on development of guidelines for providing instruction to licensees about what to look for and things that can be done if someone suspects they have knowledge of an unlicensed outfitter or guide operation. He also reviewed a copy of an advisory memo sent to all IOGLB agents and investigators informing them that enforcement and investigative work will be curtailed during the remainder of the winter due to budget constraints. He will closely evaluate individual casework with Director Sangrey to ascertain what cases can, or should be, worked in the interim.

Dean Sangrey, Executive Director: Personnel – Director Sangrey reported on the status of current staffing at the office and introduced the newest full-time staff member Leanne Fluke. Ms. Fluke's areas of responsibility will be focused on assisting the Director with administrative jobs dealing with outfitter license and amendment applications as well as outfitter tag allocation issues. **Licensing Status Report** – As of December 11th the agency has issued 430 outfitter, 298 designated agent, and 2,072 guide licenses so far for the 2001-2002 license year. These figures compare with 418, 282, and 2,200 respectively for the same period in 2000. The staff feels the drop in issuance of guide licenses is reflective of a general drop in recreational activities throughout several segments of the industry. **Outfitter License Renewal Program** – Preparation of renewal packages for all licensed outfitters is in full swing for an anticipated mailing around January 1, 2002. Standard applications and use reports will be included, along with updated instructions for completion, order forms, copies of new directories and rule books, and other information. **Allocation Process Update** – Director Sangrey presented a status report on the tag allocation program, including a report on the recent mailing of tag acquisition vouchers to all eligible outfitters for the 2002 hunting season. This distribution coincided with the December 1 commencement of tag sales by the IDFG. An updated guidance memo was provided to each outfitter along with a copy of the IOGLB Tag Allocation Policy. The Director reported on efforts to resolve a problem with distribution of two controlled hunt allocated tags for the 2001 season. The successful resolution was

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coordinated with the affected outfitters and the IDFG. **Legislative Audit** – The results of the recent Legislative Services Office fiscal operations audit of the IOGLB were shared with the Board. The audit was conducted in August and resulted in a finding of no significant Findings for the 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001 fiscal years. **Andrus Center Rural Idaho Conference** – Director Sangrey reported on his participation in the recently concluded conference on Rural Idaho sponsored by the Andrus Center. The symposium focused on the present status of rural Idaho economies and the negative impacts that have been affecting most rural communities around the state, in some cases for many years. **Status of Non-Use Research Project** – The staff has completed the first project for evaluating suspected non-use situations within the industry. This effort focused on all outfitted power and float boat operations statewide. Approximately 30 formal letters of notification were mailed earlier this fall to outfitters with questionable annual operating results on their use reports. The Director reported that a number of the outfitters have already responded to the inquiry and results are being tabulated for future review. **Bar None Livestock, Inc., dba: Eagle Eye Outfitters** – Successful efforts by the former owners of the Eakin Ridge outfitter business to resolve ownership issues have been concluded. They are presently working with potential purchasers of the business and the U.S. Forest Service to complete a sale and proceed with licensing and permitting procedures.

Steve Scanlin, Board Counsel: Proposed IOGLB Rule Changes – Evaluation of the proposed rules change package was concluded at the end of October. The Board reviewed several comments and suggestions for modification of the proposal and final adoption was accomplished on October 30th. In accordance with Division of Administrative Rules guidelines, the adopted rules have been published and will be prepared for formal review by the appropriate Legislative Rules Review Subcommittee. One area of concern that surfaced during the comment period had to do with the Board's intent to include language relating to non-payment of state taxes being grounds for possible discipline for unethical/unprofessional conduct. IOGA lobbyist John Watts shared some related observations and possible areas of concern that might surface. The issue was discussed at length with the Board and the consensus was to proceed as the Board intended. **Nez Perce Tribal Council** – As discussed during the August Board meeting, successful negotiations with the Nez Perce Tribe related to a Memorandum of Agreement on outfitted and guided fishing activities on the Clearwater River resulted in formal recognition of the Agreement. Both parties have agreed to acknowledge the provisions of the document and it has been activated.

Quinn Carver, District Ranger, Krassel Ranger District: Mr. Carver introduced himself to the Board and provided a brief history and background on his USFS career and his expectations for activities on the Krassel District. He related that for the six months since he arrived on the Payette National Forest he has been very active dealing with immediate issues such as forest fires, mining operations, etc., and has had limited opportunity thus far to focus on permitted outfitter operations, although he has met several of the permittees on the District. Mr. Carver shared his ideas about developing a program for establishing a trail clearing contract arrangement with interested outfitters. The Board thanked Mr. Carver for attending the meeting and providing an opportunity to

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meet and visit with him. There are several on-going issues related to current and former outfitted activities on the Krassel District that they hope to continue discussing.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:50 AM and reconvened at 1:35 PM with all members present.

Steve Barton, Craig Wiedmeier, IDFG: Mr. Barton and Mr. Wiedmeier appeared before the Board to participate in a general review of the tag allocation program and discussed possible areas of adjustment in the coordinated procedures between the Department and the IOGLB. One of those areas pertains to the accounting that occurs between the IDFG regional offices and the Board dealing with submission of the executed vouchers after the tags are purchased for the clients by the outfitters. A tentative solution was suggested that would incorporate transmitting information about voucher transactions directly to the IOGLB from the respective Regions on a daily basis, either by e-mail or fax. Mr. Wiedmeier stated he thought some kind of process based on this approach could be implemented without difficulty. This type of change in the accounting process would significantly improve the Board's ability to respond more efficiently to needs of the outfitters and their clients. Director Sangrey reported on progress to-date with development of historic use figures and calculation of allocations for outfitters impacted by the establishment of the new Elk City and Dworshak restricted zones. Timely notification from the Commission earlier in the fall about these tentative caps provided the Board the ability to determine eligible allocations and submit these figures to the outfitters for their review and consensus. A number of adverse situations impacting scheduled client arrivals for hunts in September were created as a result of the 9-11 terrorist tragedy. The Board asked Mr. Barton to help negotiate an appropriate resolution of these situations with the Commission so that affected outfitters and their clients could plan for next year. Another issue involving the controlled allocated hunt process dealing with successful hunt applicants who don't intend to book a trip with an outfitter, as required by the established guidelines, was discussed. The Commission Proclamation establishes that anyone who is successful when applying for these particular hunts must book a trip with a qualified outfitter in the affected controlled hunt. In the rare instances when the hunter mistakenly applies under this program and never intended to go with an outfitter, the Board feels it necessary to establish a cut-off date after which the hunter will lose the tag if he has not negotiated a replacement agreement with the IDFG. IDFG will work with the Commission on this issue.

Shane McAfee, Castle Mountain Outfitters: Mr. McAfee met with the Board to discuss the status of his current amendment requests being evaluated by the Board. Dale Towell from the IDFG also attended the meeting. Mr. McAfee explained his frustrations with the lack of support expressed by IDFG Region 7 staff for outfitted mule deer and moose hunting on some of the private land ranches he currently has covered on his outfitter license. In his opinion, hunters who possess an appropriate tag for either mule deer or whitetail deer should not be discriminated against because they choose to hunt with a licensed outfitter. Mr. McAfee's amendment requests also include the addition of moose hunting on the Texas Creek Ranch for Kurt Bird, the Ellsworth Angus Ranch for Carl

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Ellsworth, the Snyder Ranch for Karl Snyder, and the Two Dot Ranch for James Whittaker. Following this discussion with Mr. McAfee, MSC (Lyon-Bernt) TO APPROVE A MODIFICATION OF MR. MCAFEE'S CURRENT OUTFITTER LICENSE TO CHANGE WHITETAIL DEER AND MULE DEER HUNTING AUTHORIZATIONS TO SIMPLY DEER HUNTING

Kirk Bachman, Sawtooth Mountain Guides: Mr. Bachman presented a proposal to the Board for possible changes to the guide qualifications related to both cross-country and backcountry alpine ski guide requirements as presently provided for in Board Rules 044 and 045. He suggested several modifications that he feels would enhance the present requirements and make them more relevant to present circumstances dealing with skiing clients. It was also suggested that the other members of the Technical Advisory Committee would be a good source for feedback and comment regarding his ideas. Based on the results of further discussions and review, the Board may want to consider a formal rule amendment that would upgrade these standards for ski guide licensing. Mr. Bachman also asked the Board to consider upgrading his present guide license to include backcountry alpine skiing as well as cross country ski guiding. He explained that his background and experience far exceeds the stated requirements for both of these types of guide licenses. He has been instructing avalanche courses for many years and has recently worked as an alpine ski guide in the Canadian Rockies. He presently has an opportunity to work for Sun Valley Heli Ski and needs to have his license changed so that he is legally qualified for employment with them. Following this presentation and discussion, MSC (Lyon-Bernt) TO PROCESS AN ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENT FOR MR. BACHMAN'S GUIDE LICENSE TO UPGRADE IT TO A BACK COUNTRY ALPINE SKIING AND CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING GUIDE LICENSE.

Meeting recessed at 5:45 PM and reconvened at 8:40 AM, Thursday, December 13, 2001 with all members present.

Ron Sherer, Steel Mountain Outfitters, Appeal: The Board reviewed the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Final Order issued by Hearing Officer Jean Uranga in the matter of the Ron Sherer appeal. Board Counsel Steve Scanlin reviewed the required procedures for the Board's action and following this presentation, MSC (Judge-Bernt) (Bernt-aye, Judge-aye, Lyon-nay, Farr-aye) TO ADOPT AND ORDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS MADE BY HEARING OFFICER URANGA. Following this discussion and formal action, Mr. Darl Allred, Sawtooth Wilderness Outfitters, commented on the results of this action and stated that he had prepared an alternative solution to the disputed "blue line" boundary in question that has been endorsed by the hearing officer and finally adopted by the IOGLB. Mr. Allred shared two copies of a map he had prepared showing the existing adjusted boundary and an alternative that would switch some like land area portions of the adjoining operating areas. He feels that Mr. Sherer may be receptive to these adjusted boundaries, but he offers them just for discussion. If Mr. Sherer does not agree with the suggestions, then it isn't necessary to pursue the matter any further, according to Mr. Allred. The Director will provide copies of the information to Mr. Sherer with a letter of explanation and await further discussion.

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Allocation Policy Review: Director Sangrey presented copies of the current IOGLB Allocation Policy with several necessary date changes already incorporated into the draft. Based on recommendations made earlier in the year, several of the pertinent dates associated with implementation of the policy were adjusted to bring the policy into compliance with various needed updates and modifications. Several other suggestions were made for clarification of policy guidelines. One issue that became apparent during the recent outfitted controlled hunt process was the need to establish a cut-off date for acceptance of the deer or elk permit by the successful applicant. In several past instances, successful applicants have refused to book their hunt with a qualified outfitter, as required under existing IDFG rules, mostly because they were confused and didn't realize they had to handle the situation in this manner. The process would be more efficient if successful hunters had to commit to an outfitter by a specific date, rather than waiting to make that decision until very late in the year even after the hunt has started. Following a thorough discussion of this situation, MSC (Bernt-Judge) **TO FORMALLY REQUEST THAT THE IDAHO FISH & GAME COMMISSION ESTABLISH A CUT-OFF DATE NO LATER THAN AUGUST 10TH EACH YEAR FOR DETERMINATION OF AN APPROPRIATE BOOKED HUNT OR SURRENDER OF THE UNUSED TAG.**

Carol Hennessey, Clearwater National Forest, Lewis & Clark Bicentennial Celebration: The Board conducted a telephone conference with Ms. Hennessey to discuss the requirements for exempting state licensing of "short stop tours" conducted by companies that will travel through the area stopping at predetermined locations such as visitor centers, rest areas, scenic overlooks, etc. Their purpose is to share information about the historical significance of these various points of interest. During earlier discussions involving the planning committee, it was felt that stops at these locations would not require a state outfitter license because the visitors would not be leaving main public roadways. Following their discussion with Ms. Hennessey, MSC (Bernt-Lyon) **TO UPHOLD THE DECISION THAT THE "SHORT STOP TOURS" TO BE CONDUCTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LEWIS & CLARK BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION ARE EXEMPT FROM LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AS THEY FALL OUTSIDE THE PURVIEW OF THE OUTFITTERS AND GUIDES ACT.**

Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:15 PM and reconvened at 1:30 PM with all members present.

SA4A / SA4B Float Boat Vacancies: Interviews were conducted with various individuals who submitted applications for the advertised vacancies for float boating opportunities on SA4A and SA4B sections of the Salmon River. A total of seven applications were submitted from Tom Coates, C&S River, Inc.; Chris Swersey, CMDC Corporation; Bruce Cole, Saddle Springs Trophy Outfitters; Roger Nottestad, Lewis & Clark Tours; Dwina Noesbar, Kookaburra; Bob Volpert, Outdoor Adventures; and Michael Scott, White Cloud Outfitters. Chris Swersey, Roger Nottestad, Dwina Noesbar, and Bob Volpert appeared before the Board to present their applications. At the conclusion of the interviews the Board completed its evaluation of each application and

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selected Dwina Noesbar for the vacancy on SA4A and Chris Swersey, CMDC Corporation, for the vacancy on SA4B.

Executive Session: In accordance with the provisions of Sec. 67-2345, Idaho Code MSC (Lyon-Bernt) TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 2:48 PM. MSC (Lyon-Bernt) TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 4:10 PM WITH NO DECISIONS MADE.

Jace Abatti, Denial Hearing: Mr. Abatti appeared before the Board to appeal the Director's denial of his 2001-2002 guide license application to work for Dave Shillinger. The application was denied based on several convictions Mr. Abatti received in 2000 for violation of IDFG laws and rules. As Mr. Abatti initiated this action and was not represented by counsel, he presented his case first. He explained the fact that he received several citations as a result of an undercover investigation by the IDFG into his cougar hunting activities in 2000. Following this explanation by Mr. Abatti, Board Prosecutor Steve Tobiason presented the case for the Board. He conducted telephone interviews of witnesses Tony Latham and Doyle Reynolds, Conservation Officers for the IDFG. They explained the results of their undercover investigation of Mr. Abatti's unlicensed outfitting activities, including his plea of guilty and payment of a \$5,038.00 fine. At the conclusion of testimony and examination of witnesses, MSC (Lyon/Bernt) TO UPHOLD THE DENIAL OF THE 2001-2002 GUIDE LICENSE APPLICATION FOR MR. JACE ABATTI.

Meeting recessed at 6:06 PM and reconvened at 8:00 AM Friday, December 14, 2001 with all members present, including Board Chairman Wayne Hunsucker.

Seven Devils Lodge, LLC: Mr. John Dyer, Designated Agent for Seven Devils Lodge, has requested an exemption in the guide to client ratios for snowmobile tours as currently stipulated in Board Rule 063. In a letter, Mr. Dyer explained that with the advent of improved communication systems they have realized a vastly improved situation with regard to safety issues at the Seven Devils Ranch. Superior base station equipment coupled with adequate mobile and hand held units provide excellent coverage in all areas of the ranch and they have experienced very satisfactory levels of communication during their snowmobile trips the last several years. The Board met with Mr. Dyer by teleconference to discuss his proposal for modifying the Rule 063 requirements and ask him questions. Following this discussion, Board Counsel Steve Scanlin suggested that the Board would need to consider implementing a temporary rule change that would provide for modification of the guide ratios required for multiple client trips. After consulting with Mr. Scanlin, MSC (Farr-Bernt) TO IMMEDIATELY IMPLEMENT A TEMPORARY RULE PROVIDING OPTIONS FOR THE LICENSING BOARD TO CONSIDER AND GRANT EXEMPTIONS TO RULES. At the conclusion of this discussion, MSC (Farr-Lyon) TO GRANT AN EXEMPTION TO RULE 063 CONCERNING GUIDE TO CLIENT RATIOS PER THE REQUEST OF SEVEN DEVILS LODGE, LLC.

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Sulphur Creek Ranch, Tom Allegrezza, Designated Agent: Mr. Allegrezza appeared before the Board in a show cause re-hearing to reconsider their Final Decision and Order dated June 7, 2001. He was represented by his attorney, Mr. James Underwood. As a result of their continued negotiations with Board Prosecutor Steve Tobiason, a consent agreement has been executed by the parties whereby the previous Stipulation to dismissal of Counts I and II and acceptance of the allegations contained in Counts III and IV of the Complaint is withdrawn and canceled. Based on the results of the negotiated consent agreement between the parties, Mr. Allegrezza's outfitter license will be issued probationary for a two year period beginning June 29, 2001, he will pay an administrative fine of \$600.00 and will make restitution to the Board for the costs incurred for the investigation of the administrative complaint, and he will appoint an individual other than himself to serve as designated agent for Sulphur Creek Ranch. Following the presentation of this agreement and further discussion, MSC (Judge-Lyon) TO ADOPT THE AGREEMENT AS PRESENTED.

Idaho Sheriff's Association: Board Prosecutor Steve Tobiason and Mr. Mike Best made a presentation to the Board regarding their recent negotiations with the Idaho Sheriff's Association. They have been working closely with that organization to garner support for a legislative amendment to the Outfitters and Guides Act, Title 36, Chapter 21, Idaho Code. The needed change will provide the Licensing Board with the ability to enter into cooperative agreements with county sheriff's to provide aid and assistance when requested. During their annual meeting earlier this month in Boise, the Sheriff's Association voted in favor of supporting this effort. After reviewing the proposed amending language and discussing it in detail with Mr. Tobiason, the Board recommended that coordination be initiated with the IOGA to solicit their support and comments.

Eileen D'Angelo Investigation: Mr. Tobiason and Mr. Best presented a report to the Board related to the status of the investigation into the drowning death of Eileen D'Angelo. In an effort to provide additional expertise to the staff regarding this type of investigation, MSC (Farr-Judge) THAT BILL BERNT BEGIN TO SERVE AS AN EXPERT ADVISOR TO THE INVESTIGATION INTO MS. D'ANGELO'S DEATH. FURTHER, THE BOARD MAY CONSIDER MAKING THIS EXPERTISE AVAILABLE TO THE INVESTIGATIVE STAFF ON A ROUTINE BASIS WHEN DEALING WITH ACCIDENTAL DEATHS INVOLVING LICENSED OUTFITTERS AND GUIDES.

Shane McAfee, Castle Creek Outfitters: The Board revisited the status of Mr. McAfee's outfitter license related to his request for additional authority for moose hunting on private ranches. After further discussion and review of his file, MSC (Judge-Hunsucker)(Bernt-aye, Farr-aye, Judge-aye, Hunsucker-aye, Lyon-nay) TO APPROVE THE ADDITION OF MOOSE HUNTING TO HIS LICENSE ON SPECIFIED PRIVATE RANCHES NOTED IN HIS AMENDMENT REQUEST. THE APPROVAL FOR MOOSE HUNTING WILL BE FOR A THREE YEAR TEST PERIOD TO PROVIDE FOR REGULAR MONITORING OF THE OPERATION AND TO

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ASCERTAIN WHETHER THE OUTFITTED MOOSE HUNTING AUTHORIZATION CREATES ANY PROBLEMS WITH HUNTER ACCESS OR CONCERNS WITH DEPREDATION AS IDENTIFIED IN THE IDFG LETTER DATED NOVEMBER 26, 2001 AND OF RECORD IN MR. MCAFEE'S FILE.

Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:00 noon and reconvened at 1:30 PM.

Jadwiga Kosinski, Kayak Instruction: Ms. Kosinski appeared before the Board to discuss her ideas about developing an instructional program for kayaking. She explained that she is currently involved with the Boise YMCA providing beginner kayak instruction at their indoor pool, and is interested in finding out more about the state licensing process for outfitters and what options might be available for other areas. Director Sangrey explained how the licensing process is handled and that licensable river sections are limited to certain numbers of outfitters. In the vicinity of Boise there are no available slots on any of the river sections at the present time. She was encouraged to contact the outfitters presently licensed on these sections to see if there might be any opportunities for employment or joint operations of some kind. Ms. Kosinski thanked the Board for the informative discussion and said she is also interested in learning more about local prospects for rock climbing activities. She will contact the Director at a later time to discuss this further.

SA7C Petition: The Director updated the Board on the results of research and analysis completed with regard to the petition requesting expansion of steelhead fishing opportunities on the Riggins to Hammer Creek section of the Salmon River. The BLM suggested a cooperative approach to offering more prospects for fishing by having the three existing outfitters make some of their unused service days available to other outfitters on a day by day basis. This solution would require voluntary participation on the part of the outfitters, but wouldn't cause an overall increase in the amount of fishing already allowed under the BLM permitting process. The Board requested an update on the three licensed SA7C outfitters as to how much activity they have had so far this season considering the larger return of fish. The Director will contact these outfitters over the next few days and report back to the Board so that a decision can be considered on the petition request.

Financial Report: Director Sangrey reviewed the current status of the FY2002 operating budget as of close of business on November 30. He also presented a copy of the Governor's approved agency budget for FY2003 which totaled \$491,700.00.

Legislative Audit: The Director presented the final report received from the Legislative Services Office, Legislative Audit Division, on the results of the recently completed audit. Based on the results of the review of Board fiscal and internal operations, the audit resulted in no findings or recommendations for changes. Following these reviews and discussions, MSC (Lyon-Judge) TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL REPORT AS PRESENTED.

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August Board Meeting Minutes and Minutes of October 10th and October 30th

Special Meetings: The Board reviewed the minutes of the August Board meeting and the special meetings conducted on October 10th and 30th. Following this review, MSC (Lyon-Bernt) TO APPROVE THE AUGUST BOARD MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED, and MSC (Judge-Lyon) TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 10TH AND OCTOBER 30TH SPECIAL MEETINGS.

U.S. Coast Guard Boating Law Enforcement: Director Sangrey reported on the status of research with the USCG in Portland and Seattle regarding their requirements for compliance with federal inspection and training certification. Following the August Board meeting, member Bill Bernt visited with staff at the Portland and Seattle Coast Guard offices regarding the concerns they had brought to the Board's attention earlier this summer. Mr. Bernt then sent them a letter requesting a response and nothing has been received as of this date. The Director contacted both offices by phone earlier in the month and was informed they determined the majority of their regulatory guidelines pertaining to power boat operator training and equipment requirements do not apply to float boat licensees in Idaho. They are looking for supporting documentation previously issued by the Seattle office and will forward that information to the Board as soon as it is located.

Jim Hammons, dba: Montana River Tours: Mr. Hammons has submitted a letter notifying the Board that he doesn't intend to keep his business operating in Idaho in the foreseeable future. Following a review of this formal notification, MSC (Judge-Lyon) TO ACCEPT THIS VOLUNTARY RELINQUISHMENT OF THE OUTFITTER LICENSE FOR JIM HAMMON, dba: MONTANA RIVER TOURS.

Don Vogel, Petition For CL2: Mr. Vogel has submitted a formal petition asking the Board to consider extending the upper reach of the CL2 section of the Clearwater River for power boat use. Based on his observations this past year when the Spring Chinook Salmon fishing season was open, Mr. Vogel feels it would be economically beneficial both for the outfitters and the local communities if this section of the Clearwater River were extended for outfitted powerboat use from the City of Kooskia upstream approximately a mile and a half to the confluence with Clear Creek. He said a significant number of fish moved upstream and congregated at this point in the river. After reviewing the request from Mr. Vogel, the Director was instructed to begin researching this matter to present a report to the Board at the February meeting.

Pete Sutcliffe, CANUSA Cycle Tours: Mr. Sutcliffe, owner of CANUSA Cycle Tours, has asked the Board to ascertain whether his type of bicycle excursions would fall under the purview of the IOGLB and require him to obtain an outfitter license. Based on his explanation of how and where the trips are conducted in Idaho, it was the Board's determination that licensing is not required for his activities.

Directors Special Actions: The Board reviewed the reports prepared on outfitter and designated agent licensing decisions enacted by Director Sangrey since the August meeting. They included outfitter licenses for **Big Hole Adventures, Scott Blahnik,**

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Bungalow Outfitters, Camas Trail Ranch, Dr. Dave's Horse Haven, Randel Hamilton, Doug Heasley, Darrel Ricks, Colin Riviere, Tapadera LLC, and Williams & Williams, and license amendments for **Exum Mountain Guides, Andre Molsee, and Tom Loder.** Following this review and discussion, MSC (Lyon-Bernt) TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL ACTIONS OF THE DIRECTOR AS PRESENTED.

Dave Hettinger, Dave Hettinger Outfitting: Mr. Hettinger has submitted a proposal for Board review concerning his plans to operate his two hunting outfitter businesses on a staggered basis alternating between areas year to year. He based this unique approach to conducting his business on biological conditions and the health of the herds in his areas. After reviewing his proposal, the Board agreed with the basic concept and recommended that he submit an updated operating plan designed around this schedule of use. The Director will pursue this information and review it for further action.

The next regular meeting of the Licensing Board will be conducted starting Monday, February 25, 2002.

With no further business to come before the Board, MSC (Farr-Lyon) THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 6:00 PM.